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COMMUNITY VOICE REQUESTED!

STRONG PARTNERS MAKE STRONG SCHOOLS

As part of their Community Month celebration, Abel Insurance's 3rd Annual Kaukauna Area School District Supply Drive — "FILL THE BUS" — was an overwhelming success, collecting backpacks, markers and other school supplies for KASD students.

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, August 27, Kaukauna Area School District celebrated and thanked Abel Insurance for their support of our District and our students.

"We are consistently overwhelmed by the support from our partners, Abel Insurance, each year during back to school time," said Mark Duerwaechter, Kaukauna Area School District Superintendent. "We are truly humbled by the generosity of this group of people and of the community, which is ultimately, a gift for our students."

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

STRONG MINDS. STRONG HEARTS. STRONG STUDENTS.



I begin this school year, my 31st in public education and 7th as Superintendent of Kaukauna Area School District, inspired by all of you to continuously improve — on both an individual level and as a community. Personally, I enter this year with a renewed, steady focus on student success and the learning process that gets us there. As a community, extensive school improvement initiatives are creating safe, enjoyable learning conditions in which our students can challenge themselves and grow. This summer, River View led the way, with major energy efficiency projects, including upgrades to heating, ventilation, roofs and lighting; redesigned parking lots are enhancing student safety

at Haen, EQ and KHS; and in the spirit of the mindset of continuous improvement, we have more work to do.

KASD is deeply involved in a Master Planning process, focusing on grade-level configuration for 4K-4 and learning spaces for 4K-8 school buildings. All questions around this process focus on student success and the learning needs of our staff and students. The spirit of **“Strong Minds-Strong Hearts-Strong Students”** unites seamlessly with the enduring belief in our **Kaukauna Strong** culture. We will continue to work for our students — providing the best opportunities to lead them down the path toward success. There are exciting days ahead of us, KASD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark P. Duerwaechter'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

MARK P. DUERWAECHTER
SUPERINTENDENT

The Kaukauna Area School District will educate students to be effective life-long learners who can successfully meet the challenges of their lives and be positive contributors to society.

ENHANCING SCHOOL SAFETY

KASD SECURES GRANT FUNDS FOR UPGRADES

The Kaukauna Area School District will soon see a number of significant building security updates, thanks to the \$146,240 School Safety Grant awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Justice in July 2018. KASD was one of 147 Wisconsin school districts to receive grant funds, now totaling more than \$10 million statewide.

These secured funds will cover the costs for shatter-resistant film for each school's main entrance, as well as upgrades/additions to our schools' camera systems.

“We would like to extend our sincere ‘thank you’ to all that were involved in this process,” stated Superintendent Mark Duerwaechter. “These upgrades will be welcome additions to the regular work already being done in all of our buildings to ensure the safety of our students.”

KASD has applied for a second round of grants, the funds secured from which will benefit adolescent mental health training programs, secure door devices and additional safety and security mechanisms within our schools.

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This year, Abel Insurance partnered with Kobussen Buses, Ltd. and Ghost Town Fitness to fill the bus with school supplies for our students. Abel Insurance and Ghost Town Fitness served as drop-off points for collections, running a friendly competition between the two, in which Ghost Town Fitness came through with the most items donated. Kobussen Buses, Ltd. donated an even larger bus than last year to accommodate the generous number of donations from throughout the community.

THANK YOU!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

ADDRESS NEEDS, GOALS

There's no denying that it has been a "messy" summer within Kaukauna Schools. And while there have been a number of very visible energy efficiency upgrades happening within the District this summer, Kaukauna Area School District has truly been working for a *number* of years on energy efficiency projects that are allowing us to use less power ... environmentally-friendly and fiscally-responsible progress.



Kaukauna Area School District has implemented several natural gas conservation measures over the past 10 years. New boiler systems, upgrades to insulation with new roofing systems, and enhanced use of an automated heating and ventilating system has allowed KASD to greatly reduce natural gas costs. In 2007-2008 KASD spent \$366,000 on natural gas consumption.

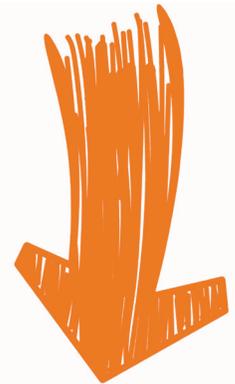


During the 2017-2018 school year, the District spent \$159,000 — **\$207,000 less on heating buildings** than the year prior. Natural gas prices have aided in the cost reduction, but not to the full extent of the savings.

With River View Middle School's upgraded heating system, we expect further cost reductions moving forward.

Despite rising utility costs over the past decade, Kaukauna Area School District paid **\$28,000 less** for electricity in 2017-2018 than it did during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The pursuit of becoming an Energy Star District has kept utility costs in check. In 2008, Kaukauna Schools used 4,035,425 kilowatt hours of electricity. By 2017, the District had reduced its consumption to 3,216,002 kWh; **that's a 20% reduction in energy use**, despite the addition of several new athletic fields and practice areas on District property.

Kaukauna Area School District will continue to look at ways to increase energy efficiency within both buildings and practices, as they move forward with the additional upgrades to buildings that will continue into the Summer of 2019.



“Over the past decade, KASD has made great strides in creating energy-efficient buildings. Energy use, be it natural gas or electricity, is way down; costs are also down. By utilizing the tools available and staying on the edge of technology, the District has been able to take funds that were previously dedicated to utilities and push those dollars into classrooms. In the end, we've provided a better environment for students and staff to be in on a daily basis, while pushing funding, the main reason the District is in business — truly a win-win for all.”

Robert Schafer, Business Manager

WORKING TOGETHER FOR STRONGER SCHOOLS

Since diving into the Master Planning process, the Kaukauna Area School District has accomplished a lot: learning, exploring, sharing and growing.



As you may recall, in August 2017, after renewing our commitment to our District's vision and to our schools, KASD partnered with Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA) and Miron Construction as part of a Master Planning process. For the next several months, our team worked through an initial education process, examining our existing facilities, configuration and learning spaces to understand and define the current realities related to our District's educational adequacy, accessibility and building capacity and utilization.

In March 2018, KASD entered into the next phase of the process, calling for members of our school community to join the our Facilities Action Team. In partnership with EUA and Miron Construction, our 70-person-strong Action Team, comprised of KASD staff, parents and community members, spent much of April, May and June exploring ways to better align District needs with both existing infrastructure and potential new options. The teams, separated into two groups — one to address configuration and learning spaces at the elementary level and the other to address learning spaces at River View — are working to explore, research and develop dynamic, conceptual plans and high-level cost estimates to address both immediate and long-range facility needs.

As our Action Teams continue the process of refining facility options, we are asking for your help; the voice of the KASD community is essential in this process. Please join us for one of two **Community Reaction Workshops** in October to respond to the work that has been done so far, and help us better refine our preliminary options. A community-wide survey will also be released to all District households in November, to gather additional feedback on preliminary solutions that may be advanced to the community for a potential April 2019 vote.

We will continue to listen to our staff and our community, to learn, to grow, and to keep moving along this path toward success. We look forward to hearing *your* voice at our Community Reaction Workshops!

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“As we continue to grow, we need to ensure that our learning facilities, environments and configuration match the instructional needs of our students and staff, align with the District's strategic goals and uphold the values and priorities of our community. This is Kaukauna Strong.”

*Mark Duerwaechter,
Superintendent*

COMMUNITY REACTION WORKSHOPS



join us

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 P.M.

RIVER VIEW
MIDDLE SCHOOL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:00 P.M.

ELECTA QUINNEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

If you are unable to join in person, both workshops will be broadcast using Facebook Live.

MASTER PLANNING

YOUR VOICE IS ESSENTIAL

Please join us for one of these community workshops to share your feedback and reactions to the preliminary facility plan options developed by our Master Planning Action Teams. Each workshop will be identical in format, and will include:

- A background and overview of the preliminary facility plan options
- A question and answer period
- Small-group discussions to gather your feedback

These workshops are part of our greater commitment to ensure that our Master Plan reflects the values and priorities of our community. All input gathered at the workshops and from the community-wide survey (coming in November 2018) will assist in prioritization of needs and final decision-making prior to moving forward with a potential referendum question for an April 2019 vote.

LEARN MORE: <https://www.kaukauna.k12.wi.us/district/master-planning.cfm>

Our District's three main goals do and will remain at the forefront of the Master Planning process.



All KASD students will grow emotionally, socially and academically.



KASD will cultivate safe and positive school environments that are responsive to the dynamic needs of the students, staff and community.



KASD will meet the educational needs of all learners while maintaining a balanced budget which reflects the values and priorities of the community.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

2017-2018 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



There's no denying it – KASD has the best teachers and staff around! At the end of each school year, five Kaukauna Area School District employees are recognized and celebrated for their accomplishments. Employee of the Year award recipients were announced and celebrated at the District's closing ceremony on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Kelly Giordana, Elementary Certified Staff

Kelly, a first grade teacher at Victor Haen Elementary School, was nominated for her passion and dedication. While serving the District for many years, Kelly has made a significant impact on so many students, motivating them to try new things with, working hard to engage them and fostering an effective, collaborative learning environment. Kelly leads by example, and is an incredible asset to the Haen team and the District.



Julie Tilkens, Middle School Certified Staff

River View 5th grade teacher Julie Tilkens was described as patient, enthusiastic, uplifting and compassionate. Every day, Julie goes above and beyond expectations and is willing to take on any task that comes her way. Her classroom is welcoming and inclusive, and her lessons organized and conducive to many different learning styles. She works to extend learning far past the academic bubble, promoting independent thinking and cooperating at all levels. Her charisma serves as a model for what we hope for our District.



Kevin Hietpas, High School Certified Staff

Kevin was described as the definition of success as a high school teacher. Not only has he been integral to the District's implementation of technology, he's gone well beyond that, creating a positive culture surround technology and staff development within the District. He's approachable and willing to provide assistance whenever he's asked. He's created an environment that exciting for all students – who line up at his door each morning to learn more. He provides daily opportunities for students and classes to extend their classroom learning, and many of our students have taken that significantly further, creating original work through self-motivated projects with Kevin's help. He's encouraging, patient, kind and is the kind of leader that Kaukauna Area School District is lucky to have.





UPCOMING EVENTS

9/27	National Honor Society Blood Drive 6:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Kaukauna High School Auxiliary Gym	11/12	Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m. – District Office
10/5	KHS Homecoming Football Game 7:00 p.m. at Bank of Kaukauna Stadium	11/16	11:30 Dismissal - RV and Elementary ONLY
10/8	Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. – District Office	11/21-11/23	NO SCHOOL – ALL STUDENTS
10/10	Community Reaction Workshop 6:00 p.m. – River View Middle School	11/26	Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m. – District Office
10/16	Community Reaction Workshop 6:00pm – Electa Quinney Elementary	11/29	6th and 7th Grade Band Concert 7:00 p.m. – RVMS Auditorium
10/22	Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m. – District Office	11/30	11:30 Dismissal - KHS ONLY
10/25-10/26	NO SCHOOL – ALL STUDENTS	12/6	8th Grade & Jazz Band Concert 7:00 p.m. – River View Auditorium
11/1-11/3	KHS Fall Musical – Mamma Mia! Bernie Hupperts Center for the Performing Arts	12/10	Middle School Orchestra Concert 6:30 p.m. – River View Auditorium
11/8	KHS Pep Band Concert 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Kaukauna High School Gymnasium	12/10	Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m. – District Office
11/9	Veteran’s Day Ceremony RVMS Auditorium	12/11	NO SCHOOL - ALL STUDENTS
		12/13	7th, 8th and Jazz Choir Concert 7:00 p.m. – Bernie Hupperts Center for the Performing Arts
		12/24-1/1	NO SCHOOL – ALL STUDENTS



Chris Schumacher, District Support Staff

Chris, a member of the I.T. Department, is the face of the department, regularly bringing his positive attitude, relentless work ethic and wide range of knowledge to the District. Chris is dedicated and conscientious about his work and eagerly approaches any task he is assigned. He embodies Kaukauna Strong in his approach to life and his job.



Lucas Cromell, Administrator

Luke, who just finished his second year as associate principal at River View Middle School, was described as positive, energetic and dedicated. He has built a strong rapport with students, learning each of their names and building relationships with them, is regularly present in the hallways, is fair but consistent when discipline is necessary, and leads by example with his positive attitude and enthusiasm for each day. Luke has built a positive culture for both students and staff, motivating, leading and lending a helping hand whenever necessary. He’s approachable, willing to problem-solve through any situation, and honest in his words and his actions. Luke strongly serves the KASD mission.

Superintendent Duerwaechter presented the awards during the closing ceremony. “Each year, we receive an increased number of nominations for this award. While it is always a difficult decision, I am always so proud of our District and our community, who clearly value and appreciate all that our District employees bring with them each and every day. It’s because of this, that we truly are Kaukauna Strong.”



**COMMUNITY
 REACTION
 WORKSHOPS**



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6:00 P.M.

RIVER VIEW
 MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 16, 2018

6:00 P.M.

ELECTA QUINNEY
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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City of Kaukauna
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 Town of Buchanan
 Village of Harrison
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 Business Manager - Robert Schafer
 Director of Elementary Education - Ty Maki
 Director of Secondary Education - Matthew Smith
 Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Sarah Newberry

Principals

KHS - Corey Baumgartner
 River View - Daniel Joseph
 Haen - Holly Magness
 NDLC - Abbey Frischmann
 Park - Ken Kortens
 Quinney - Stacy Knapp
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